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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references B1 – B6 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 along with the corresponding European Search Report for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued on May 8, 2002 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. 02250258.7 of the above-identified application. Applicant(s) attorney hereby state(s) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

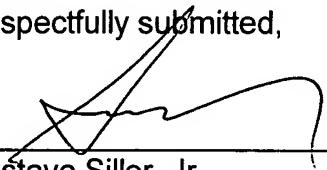
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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